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NOTEWORTHY DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- Sept. 2 7:00pm Parent Meeting for 2020-21 Christian Education in Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 6 8:00am Divine Service also available on live stream
10:00am Divine Service
11:30am Bible Class (via Zoom) Last Class
- Sept. 7 Monday Labor Day - Office Closed
- Sept. 8 6:00pm Board of Finance
7:00pm Board of Trustees
- Sept. 13 8:00am **Worship Service (Worship Time Change)**
9:30-10:15am **Bible Class - Sunday School will meet in the basement Fellowship Hall**
10:30am **Worship Service**
- Sept. 14 9:30am Box up School Kit Supplies for Orphan Grain Train –Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Right to Life Board
- Sept. 15 9:30am Tuesday Morning Bible Study Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 16 6:00pm Board of Elders
- Sept. 19 9a-12pm L.W.M.L. (online) Virtual Convention
- Sept. 23 2:00pm Calling & Caring– via Phone
7:00pm Bible Study on Revelations All Welcome



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“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7 ESV



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – HASTINGS, NE

September 2020

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
9:00a-12:00p
1:00p-4:00p

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For this reason I bow my knees before the Father...that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith – that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3: 14-19

Since Covid 19, I had written several reflections on the theme of “Not Going Back to Normal.” These were written as Facebook posts or sent by email. The main premise is that while the world cries out, “We just want to get back to the way things were,” Christians see things differently. We are the pilgrim church moving forward toward that “greater country – a heavenly one” (Hebrews 11: 16) Therefore, we see a pandemic as a call to repentance and faith, that we might not be encumbered by the things of this world, but be set free from the things that entangle us. For this newsletter, I’d like to share with you my final and summative thoughts.

Rather than being conformed to the world we desire to be transformed (Romans 12: 2). To this end, I believe a vital habit for the Christian is to take time for reflection. It’s important to examine our lives and relationships, our work, our goals and desires; and to take the time to be curious about life. All this we do under the light of God’s word. This requires that we turn off the noise where we can, we pause from the activities of the day, and we get quiet. We’re not trained to do this, especially in this age of information overload and hectic schedules. However, if we don’t train ourselves to do this, we will miss the revelation of God that is all around us.

A correlating habit to being still might be to do less. In various aspects of our lives our time is filled with activities that do not reflect God’s priorities for us or our own priorities for that matter. To be sure, we are created to be active and to do work. The bible warns against idleness (e.g. Proverbs 24: 30-35). However, often times we do to much. This not only prevents us from getting quiet, it also prevents us from investing as we should in our families, and from doing well the tasks that matter most. When the Coronavirus hit, we were forced to do less. As restrictions are relaxed, it would be a shame to thoughtlessly go back to all the same activities without examining if it’s wise.

Here are a few diagnostic thoughts and questions you might use: Think about your relationships in this order of priority – God, family, church, community. Which activities have an eternal significance? What are the tasks that only you are called to and that others can’t do? Think about why you are doing any particular activity. Does the reason why actually fit with your goals and God’s revealed

2020 Theme *“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5: 15-16)*

“All In - Being Present in Age of Distraction”

will for you and your family? Does the cost of the activity outweigh the benefits? Where are your gifts best used? What are you passionate about? Where is the intersection of your gifts and passion?

We are the ones to whom God is revealing “the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.” So it is, we are a people set apart. We are not called to go back to normal. One of the greatest gifts we can offer the world is an example of life that is not defined by the world’s priorities. I pray that we grow in a capacity to be quiet and ponder, and that we are able to invest in the things that matter most.

Yours in Christ,



FAITHVOTES
PRAY ★ ENGAGE ★ VOTE

Are You Registered to Vote on November 3rd?

The upcoming election promises to be a momentous one. The result will have consequences. As Christians, we cannot ignore this fact, and it is unwise to pretend that the political situation isn’t critical. Therefore, we as Christians are called to engage in the political realm, but to do so differently than those outside the church. For this reason, we will not shirk our duty, but neither will we be alarmist. We will not fear election results, nor will we put our trust in them. Instead, we will research the candidates and issues and vote as informed followers of Christ. Furthermore, we will not think we are done when we cast our vote. Instead, we will pray, we will engage lawmakers at the state and local levels, and we will stay polite and respectful.

There are several key issues we will need to be aware of, including economic policy, foreign policy, judicial appointments, and personal liberties. Likewise, there are issues that we as Christians must take clear stands on such as abortion and marriage. With this said, consider the fact, that moving forward, we will not be able to fight every battle. We will have to prioritize. It stands to reason that the highest priority for Christians is religious liberty. If the church is going to offer an alternative to the moral decay around us without infringement, we’re going to have to vote and speak out in defense of the First Amendment.

Finally, remember this: “Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen watch in vain” (Psalm 127:1). Come what may, Christ is our king, and He will have His way.

How to Get Registered to Vote:

To register to vote one must be a citizen of the United States, be at least 18 years old and have lived in the county one day. You may register at the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse or by mail, using the Mail-in Registration Card. You need to re-register only if you have changed your name, your address or your political party.

Early Voting Ballot Application Mail Deadline: All applications must be received by October 23, 2020, to fulfill your early voting request by mail.

Official Voter Registration Application: The completed application must be submitted on or before October 16, 2020. A first time registrant in Nebraska requires a photo ID which is current and valid or a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that is current and shows your name and residence address.

Call the Adams County Clerk’s office at 402-461-7107 to request a form or print forms from the following websites: --Adams County: adamscounty.org/county-clerk/14-how-to-vote

--Nebraska Secretary of State Online Voter Registration: sos.nebraska.gov/index

County Clerk Ramona Thomas, Suite 109, main floor of courthouse,
500 N. 4th St, Hastings, NE, Phone: 402-461-7107, office hours:
Monday – Friday, 9am to 5 pm.

“And Jesus will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’
Matthew 25:40
New Living Translation

Thank You

Thanks for the many cards, and kind wishes extended to us on our 50th wedding anniversary. They are appreciated. We are blessed to be members of the Peace Lutheran Church family.
In Christ's Love,
Dale and Karen
Bauman



Back to School

(Focus On The Family, August 2015)

Prayer is the most powerful tool God has provided every parent and grandparent. Start the school year off right with specific prayers like these:

Joan Primrose

GET YOUR STUFF Clean Out for Christ! “What does this mean?” We’re glad you asked! Congregation leaders recently met in a Bible study on the Book of Acts. We read in Acts 4:37 that early Christians sold land and belongings to provide for the needs of each other and others outside of their congregation. With this fresh in our mind, we discussed, “What if we encouraged people to sell the things they don’t need any more (“clean out”) and donate the proceeds to help others”. Nothing belongs to us anyway - it all belongs to our Lord Jesus, but we get to be stewards of these possessions like the church in Acts. So... **Clean Out for Christ!** campaign will begin September 1, 2020, and run through Sunday, November 15, 2020, when proceeds will be brought to an in-gathering celebration that day. This year, proceeds will be given to Well-spring Crisis Pregnancy + Health Center in Hastings for single mothers, young parents and their newborns. **Stewardship Committee**

A list of ways to advertise items for sale:

Party Line on KHAS-Radio 1230 AM Hastings. Monday thru Friday starting about 9:06 a.m. Call 402-462-2511, email partyline@khasradio.com, website: platteriverradio.com/khas/ Buy, sell, trade, looking for, give away, list garage sales all for free. **Hastings Tribune**, 462-2131, to place a classified ad or list a garage sale. **Facebook Marketplace** Buy/Sell/Trade. No charge to list item. **Cash purchase.** Call one of the following people if you need help **Facebook technology:** Dick LeBeau at 402-469-6998: Tonda Wolfe at 402-469-7366: Lisa Novak at 402-831-0300: Jackie Russell at 402-984-5725: **E-Bay** sale for unique items that warrant larger buyer pool. There is an e-Bay listing fee you would have to pay. For help selling through e-Bay, call: Kathy Hromadka at 402-462-2038

- 1. Prayer for My Child**—Heavenly Father, please be with my child today and for the entire school year. It is hard to entrust my child in the hands of others. But I know ultimately my trust is in you. Amen
- 2. Prayer for Safety**—Heavenly Father, the world is full of danger. Will you protect my child? I pray that you hold my child in your secure hands throughout the school year. Amen
- 3. Prayer for Teachers**—Heavenly Father, I pray for my child’s teacher. Grant wisdom, patience, strength and understanding. Amen
- 4. Prayer for Administrators and Faculty**—Heavenly Father, please guide the decisions of administrators and support faculty who impact my child. Amen
- 5. Prayer for Health, Strength and Endurance**—Heavenly Father, please give my precious one good health. Remind me to provide proper nutrition and plenty of sleep. Amen
- 6. Prayer for Education Success**—Heavenly Father, I ask you to bless my child with a quality education. Place my child in an environment favorable to learning and give them a lifelong passion for knowledge. Amen
- 7. Prayer for Attitude**—Heavenly Father, I pray that my child will learn the importance of dedication, perseverance, commitment, and compassion. Amen
- 8. Prayer for Me**—Heavenly Father, I know that the greatest influence on my child’s life is me. As a parent, I have been given a precious responsibility—that of raising your child. Please give me courage, wisdom and persistence. Amen
- 9. Prayer for Spiritual Well-Being**—Heavenly Father, probably the most important prayer I can offer for my child is the prayer for my child’s soul. Grow and guide my child into a man or woman after your heart. Amen



Stewardship Minute: The Pearl of Great Price

Jesus said, "Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it." (Matthew 13:45-46).

Who knew that Jesus was the **pearl of great price**? After all, wasn't He just "the carpenter's son"? (Matthew 13:55). "The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus..." (Matthew 26:59) because, rather than seeing Him for what He was and is, **the pearl of great price**, they were threatened by Him and wanted to destroy Him.

Even His disciples who had lived with Him, eaten with Him, listened to Him, and worked beside Him for three years found Him to be not **the pearl of great price**, but a danger to their lives and reputations and they "deserted Him and fled" (Matthew 26:56) at His time of need.

What about us? We have the advantage of past history. We have God's Word. We know of Jesus' perfect life lived in our place; we know of His anguished prayer for us before His Father; we know of His death on the cross that paid the price for our sin; we know of His triumphant resurrection; and we know how our lives are made new in Him. Do we view Him as **the pearl of great price**? Are we willing to sell everything we have to give for Him? Or are we hoarding our assets, refusing to share? Are we sealing our lips, fearing rejection if we speak His name? God give us grace to proclaim Jesus, **our pearl of great price**.

The GOOD NEWS is that the GOOD NEWS (Jesus) is still the GOOD NEWS!

Health Issues + Nicki Severing + Linda Parsons + Lisa Hoggins + Jerry Hinrichs + John Parsons + Lee Melvin + Allen Glathar + Tim Dush + Glen Krueger + Ruth Hagemeyer + Kara Nissen + Barbara Classan

Military + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson



Peace Lutheran Church		Jul 31, 20
Balance Sheet		
As of July 31, 2020		
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Five Points Checking 6504		
1000 - General Fund		42,050.00
1001 - Benevolence Fund		2,825.48
1002 - Church Bus Fund		4,158.10
1003 - Memorial Funds		14,724.76
1004 - New Organ Fund		1,810.00
1005 - Property Improvement Fund		5,281.83
1006 - Tue Morning Bible Study		121.15
1007 - Junior Youth Ministry		100.00
1008 - Senior Youth Ministry		7,138.58
Total Five Points Checking 6504		78,189.90
1100 - Savings 3753 0.75% (VANCO)		50.00
1150 - Petty Cash		150.00
1160 - LCEF Partners Plus		16,569.59
Total Checking/Savings		94,959.49
Total Current Assets		94,959.49
Fixed Assets		
1500 - 906 N California		1,422,546.00
1600 - 306 Forest Blvd		270,566.00
1700 - Passenger Bus		39,000.00
Total Fixed Assets		1,732,112.00
TOTAL ASSETS		1,827,071.49
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Cards		396.18
Other Current Liabilities		
PPP Loan		19,700.00
2100 - Payroll Liabilities		4,220.21
Total Other Current Liabilities		23,920.21
Total Current Liabilities		24,316.39
Total Liabilities		24,316.39
Equity		
Asset Value by Insur Unrealized		1,732,356.95
Retained Earnings		80,745.02
Net Income		-10,346.87
Total Equity		1,802,755.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		1,827,071.49



PEACE LUTHERAN CHOIR

TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE:

DAVID WITT DR. PHIL HESTERMAN



L.W.M.L.



INGATHERING September through November!!

To Help Seminary Students-St Louis and Fort Wayne along with your support.

Thank You!
Nadeen Debban
Calling Chairman

- ◆ **Sunday, 9/06** Gift Bucket for Seminary Students (Walgreens, Walmart Stores)
- ◆ **Monday, 9/14** Box up School Kit Supplies for Orphan Grain Train
- ◆ **Saturday, 9/19** **President: Janelle Ham**
- ◆ **LWML Virtual Convention 9:00-12pm noon (on-line)**
- ◆ **Send Greeting Cards-Sue Fintel Altar Flowers Diane Gundlach**
- ◆ Current plans are to meet for Sewing in October:
- ◆ **OGT Sewing- Monday, October 12th at 9:30am**

2020-21 FALL SCHEDULE LINE-UP

PARENT MEETING 2020-21 Christian Education Wednesday September 2nd @ 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall



Join Us for Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Begins on September 15th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Gaunt. Our study will be on the Minor Prophets of the Bible.

Starting Sunday, September 13th 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30-10:15 a.m. Bible Class
Sunday School will meet in the basement Fellowship Hall.

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Starting Wednesday, September 23rd @ 7 p.m. Bible Study on Revelations. All Welcome.

Ladies and Gentleman
LWML Virtual Convention is September 19th. It includes updates from Mission Central, news of our district and national groups, speakers about the work of Apple of His Eye Mission Society,, and a Bible Study. Anyone who is interested can log on to www.lwmlinesouth.org. The convention site will be available through this website. All is happening on **September 19th beginning at 9 a.m.** and lasting until around noon. This is an opportunity to be a part of this without the travel and registration. Call Diane Gundlach or Janelle Ham if you have any questions. 402 463-7448 or 402-463-1861.

